

HOUSE BILL 644

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,
Chapter 15, Part 5, relative to the select oversight
committee on TennCare.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-507(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) The committee shall review regularly the following programs, functions and activities of the department of health, the department of finance and administration, all components of the Cover Tennessee initiative and the TennCare program:

(1) Eligibility and enrollment standards, including determinations of how TennCare enrollees are assigned to MCOs, or other matters related to eligibility and assignment of TennCare enrollees;

(2) Provisions of services, facilities or programs by TennCare providers, including TennCare's standard benefit package or other related matters;

(3) Education programs for TennCare enrollees, MCOs and providers, including eligibility, access to TennCare providers and MCOs, benefit package offered, deductibles and co-payments required or other related matters;

(4) Review and evaluation of performance of TennCare MCOs, including their compliance with contracts entered into with the state, review of MCO contracts entered into with any TennCare provider or other related matters;

(5) Compliance by the department with provisions of the TennCare federal waiver, including review of proposed amendments to the waiver for system changes, and evaluations or reports prepared for or by the federal government, or other related matters;

(6) Eligibility, benefits, program operational features, and all other relevant aspects of the Cover Tennessee initiative;

(7) Maximizing the utilization of state funds in these programs;

(8) Coordination of all insurance programs;

(9) The situation facing uninsured Tennesseans;

(10) Staffing within the department, including recruitment, selection, training, compensation, discipline or other matters;

(11) Management, including planning, budgeting, information systems, organizational structure, rules and regulations, department policies and procedures or other related matters; and

(12) Any other matters considered material.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.